

November 9, 2020

The Cumberland County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections Office for a 9:00AM Absentee Meeting.

Present: Floyd Johnson, Chairman
Irene Grimes, Member
Helen Nelson, Member

Linda Devore, Secretary
Bobby Swilley, Member
Terri Robertson, Director

Staff: Vickie Hilburn

Guests: Live-feed available for members of the public.

Chairman Floyd Johnson called the meeting to Order at 9:00AM, and presented the Agenda.

ACTION: Member Swilley moved to approve the agenda as presented.
Seconded and approved unanimously.

Director Robertson reported that the Hand to Eye audit of two precincts selected by the state was completed last Thursday. CC33 precinct and Westover Early Voting site were audited, and no irregularities found.

Director Robertson reported that one Ballot envelope arrived with two date markings. A USPS postage label date of November 3rd, and a postmark of November 4th. An inquiry has been sent to the state, and we are awaiting guidance from USPS on resolving the date issue.

Director Robertson reported that one Ballot envelope arrived with the voter name and Identifying label removed, so the Ballot could not be logged in.

ACTION: Member Swilley moved to authorize staff to open the Ballot envelope received with the voter name label removed.
Seconded and passed unanimously. 5-0

Director Robertson reported one Ballot envelope with a voter signature issue that requires board review. There is a witness signature and assistant signature on the ballot envelope. The voter signature line is blank, however, there is a meandering mark along the side of the envelope near the voter signature line. Member Nelson suggested staff attempt to contact the Assistant and Witness, if possible.

Director Robertson presented 21 Civilian Absentee Ballot envelopes postmarked after Election Day (November 3). Upon further inspection one of the ballot envelopes was discovered to have an identifiable postmark of November 3.

ACTION: Secretary Devore moved to not accept 20 Civilian Absentee Ballots postmarked

after Election Day.
Seconded and passed unanimously. 5-0

Director Robertson presented one Civilian Absentee Mail-in Ballot envelope that was left at a polling site on Election Day. Although the voter was instructed that the ballot envelope must be mailed or returned to the Board of Elections office, the voter left the ballot envelope at the site.

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to not accept the Civilian Absentee Ballot envelope left at a polling site on Election Day.
Seconded and passed unanimously. 5-0

Director Robertson reported that 767 Civilian Absentee Ballot envelopes without cure affidavits, 5 envelopes with cure affidavits, 161 Military Absentee Ballots, and 17 Overseas Absentee Ballots have been reviewed by staff and are recommended for approval.

The 5 Civilian Absentee Ballot envelopes with Witness Cure Affidavits were reviewed by board members.

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to accept the 5 Civilian Absentee Ballots with Witness Cure Affidavits.
Seconded and passed 3-2. Swilley and Devore against.

Board Members randomly selected Civilian Absentee Ballot envelopes to spot check and confirm the voter signature, witness signature, and witness information. No irregularities were found.

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to authorize staff to open the 772 Civilian Absentee Ballot envelopes, 161 Military Absentee Ballots, and 17 Overseas Absentee Ballots presented, and proceed with any needed duplication of ballots.
Seconded and passed unanimously. 5-0

Chairman Johnson left the meeting at 11:50. Secretary Devore acted as chairman pro-tem for the remainder of the meeting.

Director Robertson reported that the tabulator reads zero ballots.

ACTION: Member Swilley moved to accept 767 Civilian Absentee Ballots without Witness Cure Affidavits recommended by staff without irregularities.
Seconded and passed unanimously. 4-0

161 Military Absentee Ballots presented were opened, duplicated as needed, and placed in the tabulator.

ACTION: Member Swilley moved to accept 161 Military Absentee Ballots recommended by staff without irregularities.
Seconded and passed unanimously. 4-0

17 Overseas Absentee Ballots presented were opened, duplicated as needed, and placed in the tabulator

ACTION: Member Swilley moved to approve 17 Overseas Absentee Ballots recommended by staff without irregularities.
Seconded and passed unanimously. 4-0

Total ballots approved today: 950

Tabulator reading: 950

Cumulative Total Mail-in Absentee Ballots Approved: 23,598

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 11nd at 9:00AM at the Board of Elections office.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25PM.

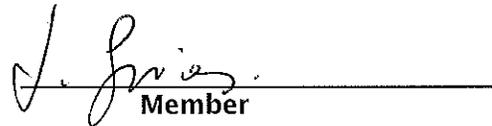
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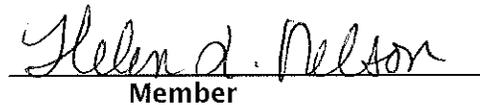

Linda Devore, Secretary


Chairman


Member

Director


Member


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